

# MEIACleantech Conference

## Mentor for a Day Program - Mentees

### HOW TO SIGN UP AS A MENTEE

When registering for the MEIA Cleantech Conference, select "**Are you interested in participating in our Mentor for a Day program as a mentee?**" and enter your field of study. You will be paired ahead of the conference with a mentor working in your field (as best as can be accommodated). **Your email address will be shared with your mentor** so the two of you can connect ahead of the conference.

#### AHEAD OF THE CONFERENCE

<u>Register for the FREE Networking 101 workshop</u> on November 6 to get the most out of the conference. Learn the how-to of networking for business, including how to start/leave a conversation, answer "tell me about yourself" confidently and practice with your peers!

We recommend **scheduling a time and place to meet your mentor for the day of the conference** so when you arrive you'll be able to find each other easily.

#### AT THE CONFERENCE

Meet your mentor at the place previously determined by you and your mentor. If you have difficulty locating each other, there will be MEIA staff and Student Chapter volunteers to help link you up. Visit the Student Chapter booth if you have any questions.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

It is not necessary to spend the whole day together, but you are encouraged to sit with your mentor for breakfast and/or lunch. Dress professionally and come prepared with questions you'd like to ask. If there is more to talk about then the day allows, you can ask to set up a coffee meet up following the conference.

Please fill out our feedback form following the event to let us know what to keep the same and how to improve for future conferences!

#### TO HELP YOU PREPARE - QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT ASK

- How did you begin your career?
- How do most people get into this field? What are common entry-level jobs?
- What steps would you recommend I take to prepare to enter this field?
- How relevant is your undergraduate major to your work?
- What kind of education, training, or background does your job require?
- What current issues and trends in the field should be aware of?



- What kinds of accomplishments tend to be valued and rewarded in this field?
- What skills, abilities, and personal attributes are essential to success in your job/this field?
- Can you recommend trade journals, magazines or professional associations which would be helpful for my professional development?
- If you could do it all over again, would you choose the same path for yourself? If not, what would you change?
- What advice would you give someone who is considering this type of job (or field)?
- Can you suggest anyone else I could contact for additional information?
- What are your main responsibilities as a ...?
- What is a typical day (or week) like for you?
- What do you like most about your work?
- What do you like least about your work?
- What kinds of problems do you deal with?
- What kinds of decisions do you make?